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SUBJECT: LAWS GOVERNING FIREARM IMPORTATION

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1. IMPORT, SALE, POSSESSION OF FIREARMS AND MUNITIONS IS REGULATED BY LAW OF DEC 22, 1922. LAW STIPULATES THAT INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO IMPORT, PURCHASE, OR OTHERWISE ACQUIRE FIREARMS MUST BE IN POSSESSION OF LICENSE GRANTED BY CHIEF OF STAFF OF HAITIAN ARMED FORCES (FADH) OR HIS AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE. MUNITIONS MAY BE IMPORTED "IN LIMITED QUANTITIES" BY INDIVIDUALS OR IMPORTERS WHO HAVE BEEN GRANTED LICENCE FOR SUCH PURPOSE BY FADH. LICENSES MAY BE GRANTED TO NO MORE THAN TWO INDIVIDUALS OR FIRMS IN SAME CITY FOR IMPORT OF MUNITIONS FOR RE-SALE. AFTER IMPORTATION, MUNITIONS MAY BE SOLD ONLY TO INDIVIDUALS POSSESSING NECESSARY LICENSE. LICENSE FOR POSSESSION OF FIREARMS MUST BE RENEWED ANNUALLY.

2. ACCORDING TO LAW, ONLY FOLLOWING FIREARMS MAY BE IMPORTED:

REVOLVERS AND PISTOLS EXCEPT AUTOMATIC PISTOLS OR THOSE EQUIPPED WITH SHOULDER STOCK; 22-CALIBER RIMFIRE RIFLES; AND SHOTGUNS. ONLY AMMUNITION FOR THESE TYPES OF WEAPONS MAY BE IMPORTED. LARGER CALIBER RIFLES OR SHOTGUNS WITH INTER-CHANGEABLE BARRELS FOR BULLETS ARE SPECIFICALLY PROHIBITED.

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3. COMMENT: WHILE LAW DOES NOT SPECIFY WHO MAY OR MAY NOT

PURCHASE FIREARMS, GOH IS EXTREMELY RESTRICTIVE IN ISSUING
IMPORT LICENSES FOR FIREARMS FOR FEAR WEAPONS MAY FALL INTO
HANDS OF CRIMINALS OR POTENTIAL OPPOSITION ELEMENTS. THERE IS
NO RETAIL TRADE IN FIREARMS AND NO FIREARMS ARE PRODUCED
LOCALLY. IMPORTERS LICENSED TO DEAL IN FIREARMS WILL NOT
IMPORT WEAPONS OR MUNITIONS ON OWN ACCOUNT BUT ONLY TO FILL
ORDER OF CUSTOMER WITH VALID LICENSE.
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